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SUBJ: DELIVERY OF WRITTEN REPLY TO NUJOMA

REF: (A) STATE 157463; (B) USUN 2147; (C) USUN 2172,

(D) PRETORIA 3312; (E) LUSAKA 1877

SUMMARY: INVITATION TO NUJOMA HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO. NUJOMA IS IN LUANDA AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LUSAKA JULY 10. SWAPO MEETING IN NEW YORK ON JULY 11 IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY BUT JULY 18 SEEMS TO BE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY. MUYONGO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT TIMING OF SAG'S NAMING OF ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND ABOUT MAN CHOSEN FOR THE JOB. HE IS MILDLY APOLOGETIC ABOUT SWAPO TAKING  
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PUBLIC POSITIONS ON ASPECTS OF CONTACT GROUP'S INITIATIVE BEFORE MEETING IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY.

1. LETTER INVITING NUJOMA TO NEW YORK (REFTEL B) WAS PASSED TO SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO JULY 8. HE SAID NUJOMA WAS IN LUANDA AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LUSAKA SUNDAY, JULY 10. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SWAPO STILL INTENDS TO HOLD A

MEETING OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO GOING TO NEW YORK. MEETING, IF NUJOMA MADES THE SUNDAY FLIGHT FROM LANDA TO LUSAKA, WOULD BE HELD EITHER JULY 11 OR 12. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING REACTIONS TO CONTACT GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD DECIDE ON WHO SHOULD REPRESENT SWAPO IN NEW YORK. MEETING WITH MUYONGO TOOK PLACE BEFORE WE RECEIVED REFTEL C; THEREFORE WE DID NOT MENTION JULY 18 AS A POSSIBILITY FOR MEETING IN NEW YORK. HOWEVER, GIVEN NUJOMA'S PLANNED RETURN TO LUSAKA AND SUGGESTED TIMING FOR SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE FEASIBLE.

2. MUYONGO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT TIMING OF SAG'- APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND ABOUT THE TYPE OF PERSON NAMED. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN THAT AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL WOULD NOT BE NAMED UNTIL AUGUST. WHAT, HE ASKED, IS SAG'S MOTIVATION IN MOVING AHEAD SO RAPIDLY? WHY ARE THEY TRYING AND BEING PERMITTED TO DICTATE THE PACE OF EVENTS? WE SAID WE WERE UNAWARE OF SAG'S REASONS FOR APPOINTING ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AT THIS TIME AND INFORMED HIM THAT PRETORIA CONTACT GROUP HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE SAG'S DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD. MUYONGO SAID THAT ACTIONS OF THIS KIND BY SAG RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN SWAPO ABOUT WHETHER IT WAS BEING KEPT INFORMED  
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DISCUSSED BETWEEN CONTACT GROUP AND SAG. MUYONGO ALSO EX-  
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PRESSED DISPLEASURE ABOUT STEYN BEING CHOSEN AS THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL. HE SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT HE BELIEVED STEYN WAS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH ACTS OF REPRESSION AGAINST SWAPO MEMBERS AND THAT HE HAD REPRESENTED SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WHEN IT WAS CONSIDERING THE NAMIBIA CASE.

3. ASKED ABOUT THE JULY 5 DAILY MAIL STORY SPELLING OUT SWAPO'S OBJECTIONS TO CONTACT GROUP'S APPROACH TO NAMIBIAN PROBLEM (REFTEL E), MUYONGO SAID THAT THE STORY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRESS WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. IN FACT, HE HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY SWAPO'S LONDON OFFICE AFTER IT HAD APPEARED IN THE MAIL. WE REMINDED HIM THAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SWAPO TAKING UNHELPFUL POSITIONS BEFORE THERE HAD BEEN A CHANCE TO AIR QUESTIONS WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK. MUYONGO WAS MILDLY APOLOGETIC AND SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE, SAYING THAT THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY HIS LONDON OFFICE IN ANY EVENT DID NOT GO BEYOND WELL KNOWN SWAPO POSITIONS.

4. MUYONGO CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THEO-BEN GURIAB WHO WAS KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF CONTACTS

WITH THE CONTACT GROUP THERE.  
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